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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF AMOCO IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 218121

1. I SAW ALLON AT 1715 IN JERUSALEM AND MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED
IN REFTEL. IN RESPONSE ALLON SAID IF VESSEL PROCEEDED BEYOND
MEDIAN LINE IT WULD NOT BE PHYSICALLY HARRASED, BUT THAT
ISRAELIS "WOULD TAKE STEPS SO THAT THE VESSEL WILL FIND IT
INCONVENIENT TO DRILL".

2. HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE MATTER SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED SO URGENT AND THAT IT WAS WRONG FOR THE U.S.
TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESENTING ISRAEL WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.
HE PROPOSED, AS A BETTER WAY TO PROCEED, AGREEMENT ON
RE THE LEGAL ASPECTS AND THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE GULF
OF SUEZ OPERATIONS.

3. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE MY PRESSING HIM, ALLON DID NOT DEFINE HOW
AMOCO OPERATIONS WOULD BE STYMIED. I FEAR THAT IF THE SHIP
PROCEEDS AS PLANNER THERE WILL BE UNPLEASANTNESS.
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